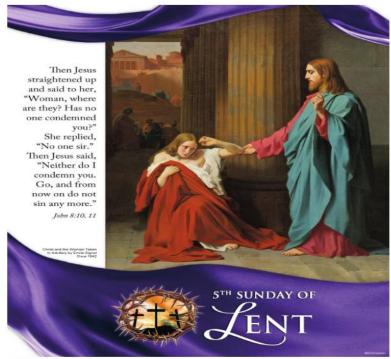
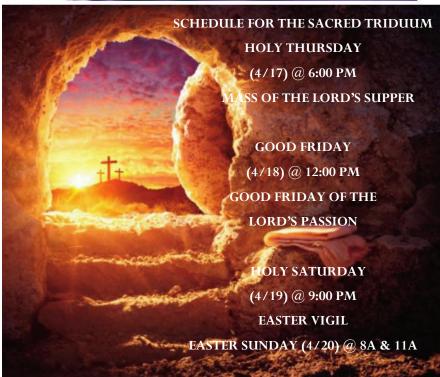
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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

April 05 10 - 11a Reconciliation

April 05 5:30p Mass †Rita Sokolowski by Devon

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April 06 8:00a Mass †Bob Pefley by the Curtis Family

April 06 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

April 06 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

April 06 12:30p Parish Council

April 06 5:00p Youth Night

April 07 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

April 08 5:30p Lenten Series: Seven Deadly Sins with Fr. Maximilian Nightingale

April 09 9:00a Mass For the Intentions of Amy Hoevel and Claire Hoevel by S. Kim Lee

April 09 6:30p Holy Hour of Adoration-St. Martin

April 10 7:00p OCIA

April 11 8-9a Adoration

April 11 9:00a Mass +Rita Sokolowski by Vickie

Kelley

April 11 6:00p Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Soup and Bread Dinner

April 12 10 - 11a Reconciliation

April 12 5:30p Mass +Rick Escamilla and Chuy Escamilla by Vickie Kelley

April 13 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

April 13 Farmer's Breakfast after each Mass

April 13 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

April 13 11:00a Mass †Jay Smith by Vickie Kelley

This Week at St. Martin:

4/8 - Lenten Series: Seven Deadly Sins at 5:30 pm

4/11 - Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread at 6:00 pm

4/12 - First Communion Retreat

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The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the tabernacle. The candle for our Sanctuary Lamp is provided this week in memory of

April 6-12 †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley

Outdoor Stations of the Cross: Experience a walk with Jesus and his passion while enjoying a peaceful outdoor walk and meditation with the Stations of the Cross. The Knights of Columbus Council 13305 will be setting up an experience on Good Friday (April 18) any time between 9am and 4pm. Meditation cards will be available near the west side parking lot.

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IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

Stations of the Cross begins at 6:00 pm followed by a delicious Soup and Bread Supper to engage the season of Lent!

Annual Lenten Series 2025: Beginning Tuesday March 11 and running each Tuesday until April 8, St. Martin of Tours Adult Education committee is proud to offer a speaker series on the 10 Commandments. Each night will begin with a meal at 5:30 pm, followed by a presentation from our speaker at 6:15 pm, and closing with question and answer. Tuesday April 8th features Fr. Max Nightingale, Pastor at St. Therese of Lisieux Wayland and Ss. Cyril & Methodius Gun Lake, who will talk on the Seven Deadly Sins.

2025 Kalamazoo Area Lenten Penance Services: Everyone is invited to come to the location that best suits your needs in this effort to have more opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season of Lent. Some of the upcoming dates are: St. Monica Kalamazoo on Thursday April 10th at 6:00 pm; St. Augustine Cathedral on Sunday April 13th at 3:00 pm; St. Mary Paw Paw on Sunday April 27th at 3:00 pm.

South County Community Services food pantry requests for April are boxed pasta (elbows, penne, etc.), instant mashed potatoes, Campbell's Chunky Soup, crackers, facial tissue. We accept any nonperishable food except home canned items. Thanks for the generous donations!

Easter Egg Hunt is Sat April 19 from 9:30a—11:00a! We are requesting donations of candy! Donations can be dropped off on/by the Religious Education table or in the Parish Office. Thank you very much and God bless!

Hi All! Spring is officially here, and that means Mary Garden time! As always, we are looking for volunteer weeders to keep the gardens looking fresh and lovely for our parish. We have a couple of one-and-done positions available. The shrubs around the church need a nice pruning-a good job for someone with limited volunteer time, and a love of power tools. We also need someone who does not mind working with Round Up to spray the stone pathway leading into the gardens. Once or twice this season should do the trick. Working in the garden is fun, you will meet very nice people and have the satisfaction of being able to grow lovely flowers for our church family. Weeding is done truly whenever you have time. Your children are always welcome - we have happy jobs for them to do also! For more information, please call/text Sharon 269.324.1267. Thank you and God Bless!!!

REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: The Catholic Church gives us Lent as an opportunity to grow and to experience life in a new way. And this chance to grow is not focused on just me trying to be the best me but rather is focused on Jesus Christ, who is our model in how God wants you and I to be.

The really cool thing is that God creates each of us uniquely and so He wants you to be the best you that you can be – just not apart from Him. God's desire for each of us is to experience the life of total and complete love that exists between the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God wants you to be like Him; fulfilled and always striving to love more as the daughter or son He created you to be! So, while we still have a little less than two weeks of Lent to go, honestly be open and ask God for the strength to be the most and best you that you are called to be. I bet you'll experience life as a new creation, in a new way, as a new and more complete you.

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

<u>April 12</u> 5:30p Lector: Nicole W & Clara W Ushers: Jim & Monica R, Don R, Sue K

Raise Right: DeWolff

<u>April 13</u> 8:00a Lector: Angela P Ushers: Melissa C, Joe S, Ron & Jan G

Raise Right: LeVan

<u>April 13</u> 11:00a Lector: Zachary S Ushers: Mike & Kris B, Steve & Kathie D

Raise Right: Goldsmith-Moore

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

-Next Youth Night will be tonight Sunday, April 6th.

-Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 19th from 9:30a-11:00a. Mark your calendars! We are collecting donations of candy, that can be dropped off either at the Parish Office or on the Religious Education table in the narthex.

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Caregiver Connection: Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? We invite you to join us for our virtual gathering to build relationships, share experiences, and create a supportive community. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and share a brief reflection on the Sunday scriptures. We gather via ZOOM, usually on the first Sunday of the month from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. REGISTER ONLINE: diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities OR contact Veronica Rodriguez at 269-349-8714, Ext. 1240 or via Email: vrodriguez@diokzoo.org Our next gathering is today April 6th. We'd love to have you join us and other caregivers!

"I was in Prison and you visited me." Mathew 25: 36 The Kalamazoo County Jail Ministry Team of the Diocese of Kalamazoo Jail and Prison Ministry will present an information session on April 10th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in room 17 of the Bennett Building of St. Joseph Catholic Church. The team provides Bible Studies and visits on Fridays from 1:00 pm to about 2:45, with most volunteers going about twice per month. If you cannot make this session but want more information, please email jailministry@ccdok.org

From March 5 to April 13, you're invited to join other Christians across the globe for 40 Days for Life. This involves 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of the Planned Parenthood building at 4201 W. Michigan in Kalamazoo on Mondays through Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. When you participate in 40 Days for Life, you are making an appointment with God in prayer. And you are also changing the hearts of people through the Holy Spirit. To sign up: Email to 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com or Sign up directly at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/kalamazoo

Quo Vadis Camp For young men, ages 14-19 years old, you are invited to attend the *Quo Vadis Camp* from August 10th-13th at the St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, MI. This retreat will entail fellowship, prayer, and opportunities with other young men and Diocesan seminarians discerning God's call for them in their life and to hear from leaders in the Diocese, like Bishop Lohse and other Diocesan Priests. Come and see where the Lord may be calling you! For more information, please visit https://www.diokzoo.org/quo-vadis-camp.

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